

**MINUTES OF THE  
AUBURN CITY HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION  
MEETING  
JUNE 19, 2007**

The regular session of the Auburn City Historic Design Review Commission was called to order on June 19, 2007 at 6:03 p.m. by Chairman Merz in the Council Chambers, 1225 Lincoln Way, Auburn, California.

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Kosla, Smith, Thompson, Worthington, Briggs, Kidd, Chrm. Merz

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:** Elder

**STAFF PRESENT:** Will Wong, Community Development Director; Steve Geiger, Associate Planner; Sue Fraizer, Administrative Assistant

**ITEM I: CALL TO ORDER**

**ITEM II: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ITEM III: APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of April 17, 2007 were approved as submitted.  
The minutes of May 1, 2007 were approved as submitted.  
The minutes of May 15, 2007 were approved as submitted.

**ITEM IV: PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**ITEM V: PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS**

A. **Historic Design Review – 117 High Street (Fayez Jaber) - File HDR 07-18.** The applicant requests Historic Design Review approval for signage for Metro PCS located at 117 High Street. *This application has been withdrawn by the applicant.*

B. **Historic Design Review - 195 Cherry Avenue (Mary Bardellini) - File HDR 07-19.** The applicant requests Historic Design Review approval for one (1) wall sign for Executive Real Estate Services located at 195 Cherry Street.

Planner Geiger gave the staff report. The applicant is requesting approval of a sign that has been installed on her building on the left side of the doorway. The sign is 18" high and 24" wide and is made of metal. It has a white background with black, gray and red lettering and highlights. The colors are similar to those on the building. The sign size complies with the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance. Staff believes the sign and colors are consistent with the intent of the Design Guidelines and appropriate for the Downtown area, and recommends approval.

Comm. Smith asked why the sign was installed prior to approval.

Planner Geiger replied that the applicant perhaps was not aware of the requirement for HDRC approval. When she realized she needed approval, she submitted her application.

The public hearing was opened. The applicant was not in attendance at the meeting. There were no others wishing to speak about this application.

The public hearing was closed.

Comm. Smith stated that he does not think the sign design is in line with the Commission's other sign approvals in the area. He is not in favor of this particular sign.

Comm. Worthington concurs with Comm. Smith, and is disappointed that the sign was installed prior to HDRC approval.

Comm. Briggs asked about the sign on the right side of the door.

Planner Geiger replied that it is a similar sign for another business that uses that building.

Comm. Kidd mentioned that it is unfortunate that the sign was installed prior to approval, however if it falls within the guidelines and has staff's approval, she would also recommend approval.

Chrm. Merz suggested that since the applicant is not in attendance, perhaps this item should be continued.

Comm. Kosla agreed.

Comm. Worthington **MOVED** to:

Continue Historic Design Review for 195 Cherry Avenue  
(Mary Bardellini) - File HDR 07-19 to the Historic Design  
Review Meeting of July 3, 2007.

Comm. Kosla **SECONDED.**

AYES: Kosla, Smith, Thompson, Worthington, Briggs, Kidd,  
Chrm. Merz  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: Elder

The motion was approved.

**C. Historic Design Review - 588 High Street (Art Melick) - File HDR 07-21.** The applicant requests Historic Design Review approval for new roofing materials including a color change for the Elmwood Motel located at 588 High Street.

Planner Geiger gave the staff report. The Elmwood Motel currently has composition shingles that are a reddish/brown color. The owner proposes re-roofing the building with composition shingles that are black/gray in color, similar to the shingles on the Coldwell Banker building across the street. In addition, the owner will use a PVC/CPA membrane roofing material on the areas of the roof that are flat or have minimal slope. Planner Geiger showed a photo to demonstrate the areas that the membrane will be used on. The roofing contractor has provided staff with samples of the shingle and membrane material, which will be circulated for the Commission's review.

The original proposal was for a membrane material to be white in color. After review of the proposed shingle color, staff expressed concerns to the roofing contractor that the white membrane would result in a significant color contrast to the shingles. The contractor provided staff with an alternative gray colored membrane, which staff believes complements the color of the shingles better.

With this recommended change, staff is supportive of the applicant's proposal.

Due to the location of this project, Comm. Worthington abstained from discussion about the project and left the room.

Comm. Briggs asked why the roof is sloped, flattens out and then is sloped again.

Planner Geiger replied that some of the roof areas are flat for walkways, or to accommodate mechanical equipment. Further information can be obtained from the roofing contractor.

The public hearing was opened.

The applicant, Art Melick, 265 Marvin Way, Auburn is the roofing contractor for this project. Regarding the design of the roof, he believes when the motel was built, it included hallways with skylights to provide light.

There was no one in the audience wishing to speak on this application and the public hearing was closed.

Comm. Kosla commented that the improvements to the motel have made that corner look much better.

Comm. Kosla **MOVED** to:

Adopt Resolution No. 07-16 as presented, approving the new roofing materials for the Elmwood Motel building located at 588 High Street.

Comm. Kidd **SECONDED**.

AYES: Kosla, Smith, Thompson, Briggs, Kidd, Chrm. Merz  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: Worthington  
ABSENT: Elder

The motion was approved.

**ITEM VI: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT FOLLOW-UP REPORTS**

A. City Council Meetings

On June 11, 2007, City Council approved the Frank Lewis appeal for two hanging signs by a vote of 3 to 2.

B. Future Historic Design Review Commission Meetings

There will be meetings on July 3, 2007, July 17, 2007 and August 7, 2007. There will not be a meeting on August 21, 2007. August 28, 2007 could be an alternate meeting date depending on the Commissioners' availability.

C. Reports

None.

**ITEM VII: HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION REPORTS**

None.

**ITEM VIII: FUTURE HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION  
AGENDA ITEMS**

None.

**ITEM IX: ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Fraizer, Administrative Assistant